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For: MACHINE WITH AN IMPROVED BEARING LUBRICATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT BEFORE EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

It is desired to amend this application before examination on the merits to bring the application into better conformity with U.S. practice and to incorporate amendments made during international preliminary examination of this application during the international processing into the body of the typed text of the application.

AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

An abstract has been added on a clean page entitled "ABSTRACT".

SPECIFICATION

The specification has been retyped in clean form and is presented in the following pages under the heading "SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION". NO NEW MATTER HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN THE SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION. A marked-up copy of the original specification showing all amendments is submitted herewith.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading